



## **Three New Businesses to Open in Storrs Center**

*GBS Threading & Spa, Storrs Wine and Spirits, and ThinkitDrinkit Sign Leases*

*October 3, 2013 (Mansfield, CT)* – With three new leases in place at Storrs Center, including GBS Threading & Spa, Storrs Wine and Spirits, and ThinkitDrinkit, all of the retail spaces are spoken for in One Royce Circle, the latest building to be constructed in this new, walkable Main Street community. The new businesses are expected to open in the coming months and will join other One Royce Circle businesses, including the UConn Co-op Bookstore at Storrs Center, Ballard Institute and Museum of Puppetry, UConn Health Care, UConn Urgent Center, UConn Dental, Haru Aki Café, and oneTribe Clothing Store.

GBS Threading & Spa will offer eyebrow threading and henna tattoos, including bridal mehendi. Other services include waxing, facial services, eyelash extensions, manicures, and pedicures. All products are natural and no chemicals are used. Eyebrow threading has become very popular and the growth of GBS Threading & Spa reflects this demand. The Storrs Center location will be the seventh shop for owners Shiva and Binda Neupane who opened their first store in Trumbull, Connecticut in 2007. “A friend told us about Storrs Center and we felt it would be a great location for GBS,” said Mrs. Neupane who learned the precise threading technique in Nepal. “We follow the shape of the eyebrow and the result is perfect,” she explained. “Most people love it so much that they come in every two weeks to look their best.”

Storrs Wine & Spirits’ name is an appropriate description for this shop which will sell quality wines and spirits, including a fine selection of liquor and beer. Co-owners Dil Bhandari and Nitya Poudel are friends who have worked together in the alcoholic beverage retail industry and inspired each other to open a store in Storrs Center. “When Storrs Wine & Spirits opens this fall, our customers will find a convenient place right in Storrs Center to purchase libations, seek recommendations for wine and food pairings, or purchase a special bottle of spirits to mark an important occasion,” said Mr. Bhandari.

Owners Wayne Gryk and David Kania are bringing an innovative health approach to Storrs Center with the opening of ThinkitDrinkit. ThinkitDrinkit helps customers achieve optimal health, energy, and life performance through customized personal nutrition. Its powdered beverage products address personal health needs for both physical and mental optimization. All products are developed in efficacious doses to meet individual health goals for both short-term and long-term benefits. “We are thrilled to be opening our flagship retail space in Storrs Center,” says Mr. Gryk. “This first-to-market venture offers a suite of nutritional supplements in a digital café-like setting, where function and personalization take the spotlight. Our high-tech interactive environment puts product customization in the hands of the consumer. The concept is a perfect fit for the Storrs Center and

UConn community, particularly as a large part of our program addresses team sports, nutrigenomic testing, and performance.”

Storrs Center is a new mixed-use, pedestrian-oriented downtown under development in Mansfield, Connecticut. The downtown features shops, restaurants, services, and apartment homes that are interspersed with a town square and public areas in a new neighborhood located at the intersection of Storrs Road and the University of Connecticut.

For more information about Storrs Center, visit [www.storrscenter.com](http://www.storrscenter.com).

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*Storrs Center is a mixed-use town center and main street corridor at the crossroads of the Town of Mansfield, Connecticut and the University of Connecticut. Located along Storrs Road adjacent to the University, the Town Hall, the regional high school, and the community center, Storrs Center will include a new town square across from the University's fine arts center and combines retail, restaurant, and office uses with a variety of residence types. The town center plan knits thoughtful architecture, pedestrian-oriented streets, and public spaces into a series of small neighborhoods that will make up the new fabric of the town center. Ground floor retail and commercial uses opening onto landscaped sidewalks reinforce traditional street front activity and are supported by residences above and shared community spaces.*

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